

CONGRESS.

Proclamation Issued by the President.

CALLED FOR OCTOBER 15

Necessity of Completing the Departmental Appropriations.

PREVIOUS SPECIAL SESSIONS.

WASHINGTON, May 5, 1877.

The objections to postponing the extra session have all been waived, and the following was issued this afternoon:—

By THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA—A PROCLAMATION:—

Whereas the final adjournment of the Forty-fourth Congress, without making the usual appropriations for the support of the army for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1878, presents an extraordinary occasion requiring the President to exercise the power vested in him by the constitution to convene the houses of Congress in anticipation of the day fixed by law for their next meeting;

Now, therefore, I, Rutherford B. Hayes, President of the United States, do by virtue of the power to this end in me vested by the constitution, convene both houses of Congress to assemble at their respective chambers at twelve o'clock noon, on Monday, the 15th day of October next, then and there to consider and determine such measures as in their wisdom, they may deem to be necessary for the support of the army and the welfare of the people may seem to demand.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington this 5th day of May, in the year of our Lord 1877, and the independence of the United States of America the 101st.

By the President—WILLIAM M. EVARTS, Secretary of State.

R. B. HAYES.

EXTRAORDINARY SESSIONS OF CONGRESS.

The impending extra session of Congress, called by this special proclamation of the President, revives the recollection of former extra sessions of that body. The constitution having provided that the Congress shall assemble at least once in every year, and that each meeting shall be on the first Monday in December, unless they shall by law appoint a different day, the assembling of that body at an irregular session has usually been the result of some political emergency.

Leaving out of account the irregular short sessions of the early Congresses before yet the government in its legislative branch had got into the habit of regular and long annual sessions, and leaving aside also the special sessions of Congress called by the President in 1801, 1802, 1803, 1804, 1805, 1806, 1807, 1808, 1809, 1810, 1811, 1812, 1813, 1814, 1815, 1816, 1817, 1818, 1819, 1820, 1821, 1822, 1823, 1824, 1825, 1826, 1827, 1828, 1829, 1830, 1831, 1832, 1833, 1834, 1835, 1836, 1837, 1838, 1839, 1840, 1841, 1842, 1843, 1844, 1845, 1846, 1847, 1848, 1849, 1850, 1851, 1852, 1853, 1854, 1855, 1856, 1857, 1858, 1859, 1860, 1861, 1862, 1863, 1864, 1865, 1866, 1867, 1868, 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 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